

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009: S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall;

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke: S. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 797;

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Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos: H. Res. 761, amended, to remember and commemorate the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their deaths at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas located in San Salvador, El Salvador on November 16, 1989;

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Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom: H. Res. 672, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom; and

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Expressing deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009: H. Res. 823, to express deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009, and support for the WFP’s mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for Teen Read Week: H. Res. 836, to express support for Teen Read Week and

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Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baba’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: H. Res. 175, to condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11519.

Senate Referrals: S. 1818 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11553, H11553–54, H11554, H11555, H11555–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVER-THE COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT; AND WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3795, Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved the Dunloup Creek Watershed of West Virginia and the Cape Cod Watershed of Massachusetts projects.

USDA RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to examine U.S. Department of Agriculture rural business programs, conditions for rural entrepreneurship and business development. Testimony was heard from Judy Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Program, USDA; and public witnesses..

MILITARY REDEPLOYMENT FROM IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. Military Redeployment from Iraq: Issues and Challenges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; Alan Estevez, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness; LTG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Joint Staff. Director, Logistics (J–4); and VADM James A. Winnefeld, USN, Joint Staff, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J–5).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, following bills: H.R. 3276, American

Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009; H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009; H.R. 2858, Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009; and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Assistance: Continued mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009).

Will continue tomorrow.

U.S. BURMA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Burma. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on International Violence Against Women: Stories and Solutions. Testimony was heard from Representative Schakowsky; Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Women's Issues, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELECTION REGISTRATION MODERNIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Modernizing the Election Registration Process. Testimony was heard from Todd Rokita, Secretary of State, State of Indiana; Elaine Manlove, Commissioner of Elections, State of Delaware; Katie Blinn, Assistant Director, Elections, State of Washington; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3596, amended, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 412, amended, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act; H.R. 1425, amended, Wartime Treatment Study Act; and H.R. 3237, To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs."

The Committee also approved the following: Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Pri-

vate Immigration bills; and Rules of Procedure for Private Claims bills.

TRIBAL HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2523, Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act or the HEARTH Act. Testimony was heard from Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CENSUS MASTER ADDRESS FILE AND CONCERNS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled: "The 2010 Census Master Address File: Issues and Concerns." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Robert Groves, Director, Bureau of the Census; and Todd Zinser, Inspector General; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010". The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All

points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. In the case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Taylor, Scott of Virginia and LoBiondo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3791, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 3820, Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009.

BIOMASS ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Biomass for Thermal Energy and Electricity Through a Research and Development Portfolio for the Future. Testimony was heard from Scott M. Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 3854, Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 761, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act.

BRIEFING—UPDATE COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN MEXICO

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Update on Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Patriot Act Reauthorization, Testimony was heard from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice; Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert Joyce, Associate Deputy Director, Counterterrorism, NSA, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.R. 1687, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–74)

H.R. 2053, to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the “Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–75)

H.R. 2121, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the Galveston Historical Foundation. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–76)

H.R. 2498, to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “William O. Lipinski Federal Building”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–77)

H.R. 2913, to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the “Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–78)

S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–79)

H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. Signed on October 21, 2009. (Public Law 111–80)